The NCAA Association-wide Committees, Descriptions and Members

ASSOCIATION-WIDE COMMITTEES

Committee on Women’s Athletics

Studies and makes policy recommendations concerning opportunities for women, equity and other issues directly affecting women’s athletics.

18 Members:
- 1 President or chancellor (one from each division)
- 2 Division I Council member (one each from FBS, FCS and non-FBS)
- 1 Division II Management Council member
- 1 Division III Management Council member
- 1 Nationally distinguished public member who was an Honors alumnus
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Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports

Provides expertise and leadership to the Association to promote a healthy and safe environment for student-athletes through research, education, collaboration and policy development.

25 Members:
- 3 Division governance representatives
- 2 Student-athletes
- 5 Medical doctors
- 14 Experts representing fields of sports and medicine, including: a coach, two former medical health practitioners, two athletic trainers, a dietitian and a sport science researcher

Honors Committee

Selects recipients of awards presented at annual Honors Celebration, including the Theodore Roosevelt and Inspiration awards.

9 Members:
- 1 Current or former president or chancellor
- 3 Division I Council member (one each from FBS, FCS and non-FBS)
- 1 Division II Management Council member
- 1 Division III Management Council member

Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee

Reviews issues related to the interests and advocacy of ethnic and racial minorities, LGBTQ or individuals who have disabilities.

18 Members:
- 5 Presidents or chancellors (at least one from each division)
- 3 Student-athletes (one from each division)
- 10 Member school and conference administrators

Postgraduate Scholarship Committee

Selects 128 student-athletes to receive NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship for graduate school.

7 Members:
- 1 Past postgraduate scholarship winner
- 6 Member-school and conference administrators and others who work daily in college sports

Walter Byers Scholarship Committee

Selects one male and one female academically and athletically distinguished student-athletes to receive scholarships.

7 Members:
- 6 Member-school and conference administrators
- 1 Former student-athlete

ASSOCIATION-WIDE committees can effect changes by making recommendations to the Board of Governors, which has the power to act on policies – such as prohibiting mascots and imagery considered hostile or abusive to Native Americans – that affect the entire Association.

The Board of Governors is the highest-ranking body in the NCAA and focuses on strategic discussions that impact the Association as a whole. The responsibilities of the board’s 10 voting members include:

- Providing final approval and oversight of the Association’s budget, enterprise risk management, strategic planning and establishing policies related to fiduciary responsibility.
- Employing the Association’s president, who shall be administratively responsible to the Board.
- Formulating policies and procedures consistent with the NCAA Constitution.
- In consultation with the leadership of the Divisional governing bodies, adopting and implementing legal strategy, Association risk mitigation, and government relations and policy matters that affect the Association.
- Convening the annual Convention and may call for a special convention as needed.

Each division sets rules and policies specific to its members’ needs but looks to the Board of Governors for guidance on the overall strategy of the Association.

Assessment of Data

Neither the Association-wide committees nor the Board of Governors has authority to enact legislation. But they can influence and provide guidance by recommending legislation to each division, where it can be reviewed in the divisions’ legislative processes.

Playing Rules Oversight Panel

Oversees playing rules committees, including the final approval of rules changes.

12 Members, school and conference administrators:
- 6 Division I Representatives
- 3 Division II Representatives
- 3 Division III representatives

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